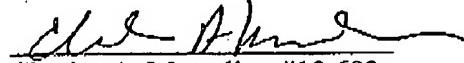


invention were discussed and the Examiner had no difficulty understanding the invention but indicated any amendment would not be entered after final rejection. The amendment was filed and after non-entry thereof, an RCE was filed as agreed at the interview. The specification is directed to one skilled in the art and is drawn to the use of a specific polycondensation product for producing refractory articles with the same. The polycondensation products are specifically taught and one skilled in the art knows how to produce refractory materials.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the brochure filed with the amendment of June 5, 2005 which illustrate the specific procedures that are used to produce refractory articles. Applicant's invention does not reside in the method of producing refractory materials but in using specific materials to produce refractory materials by known procedures with superior properties as clearly stated on page 5 of the application. Therefore, the disclosure clearly complies with 37 CFR 1.71.

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